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PEACE TALKS WITH ULFA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had peace-talks with the representatives of the United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) across the table in April this year;

(b) if so, the specific issues discussed and outcome thereof;

(c) the issues and points on which the talks broke down;

(d) whether options have been kept open on certain conditions in case the ULFA gave up their intransigence; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): No such talks have taken place in April 2007. The Government is, however, open to talks with any militant group provided they shun violence.